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GENEVA FOR AMBASSADOR TOON

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT, SHUM, UR
SUBJECT: GINZBURG TRIAL: FIRST HALF OF THIRD DAY

1. EMBOFF IN KALUGA REPORTED BY TELEPHONE MID-
AFTERNOON JULY 12 THAT MRS. GINZBURG HAD NOT BEEN
ALLOWED IN COURTROOM THAT MORNING. SHE HAD WRITTEN
TWO NOTES TO JUDGE, WHICH WERE DELIVERED BY
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DEFENSE ATTORNEY. THE FIRST ASKED THAT SHE BE
ADMITTED IN HER CAPACITY AS DEFENDANT'S WIFE, AND
STATED THAT SHE HAD NO REASON TO EXPECT THERE WOULD
BE FURTHER INCIDENTS. THE SECOND EXPLAINED WHAT
MRS. GINZBURG HAD SAID TO WITNESS GRADOBOYEV YESTERDAY.
ACCORDING TO GINZBURG'S MOTHER, WHO DID ATTEND THE
MORNING SESSION JULY 12, THE JUDGE HAS THE NOTES

UNDER CONSIDERATION.

2. GINZBURG'S MOTHER REPORTED THAT THE MORNING SESSION WAS DEVOTED TO EXAMINATION OF SOME OF THE 1800 DOCUMENTS ENTERED AS EVIDENCE. SPECULATION AMONG GINZBURG'S SUPPORTERS (ABOUT 30 WERE ON HAND AT MID-DAY) WAS THAT THE TRIAL WILL LAST AT LEAST THROUGH TOMORROW AND MAY NOT CONCLUDE UNTIL FRIDAY.

3. EMBOFF WAS REFUSED ADMISSION EARLY JULY 12 ON THE FAMILIAR GROUNDS THAT NO SEATS WERE AVAILABLE. TWO WESTERN CORRESPONDENTS WERE AT THE COURTHOUSE AS OF TWO P.M. NO OTHER EMBASSY WAS REPRESENTED.

4. AMONG THE GINZBURG SUPPORTERS AT THE COURTHOUSE WERE SAKHAROV AND HIS WIFE, DUBNA SCIENTIST POLIKANOV, AND IRINA ORLOV. AUTHORITIES OBJECTED WHEN ONE OF THE WESTERN NEWSMEN PHOTOGRAPHED MRS. GINZBURG STANDING WITH SAKHAROV, BUT THE OFFICIAL DID NOT INTERVENE TO PREVENT THE PHOTO OR TO CONFISCATE THE FILM.

5. ONE OF THE U.S. NEWSMEN AT THE KALUGA PRESS BRIEFING JULY 11 TELLS US THAT IN CONTRAST TO THE STERILE BRIEFINGS ON THE SHCHARANSKIY TRIAL IN MOSCOW, KALUGA AUTHORITIES WERE WILLING TO RESPOND TO QUESTIONS. FOR EXAMPLE, IN ANSWER TO A QUESTION
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ABOUT DEFENSE WITNESSES, THEY ANSWERED (AFTER OBTAINING INFORMATION FROM SOMEONE ELSE) THAT GINZBURG HAD PRESENTED A LIST OF 25, FROM WHICH SIX SUPPOSEDLY HAD BEEN APPROVED AND HAD APPEARED.

6. WE GATHER THAN AS IN ORLOV'S TRIAL, GINZBURG'S AFFILIATION WITH THE ORLOV CSCE MONITORING GROUP HAS NOT BEEN MENTIONED BY THE COURT OR THE PROSECUTION. MATLOCK

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